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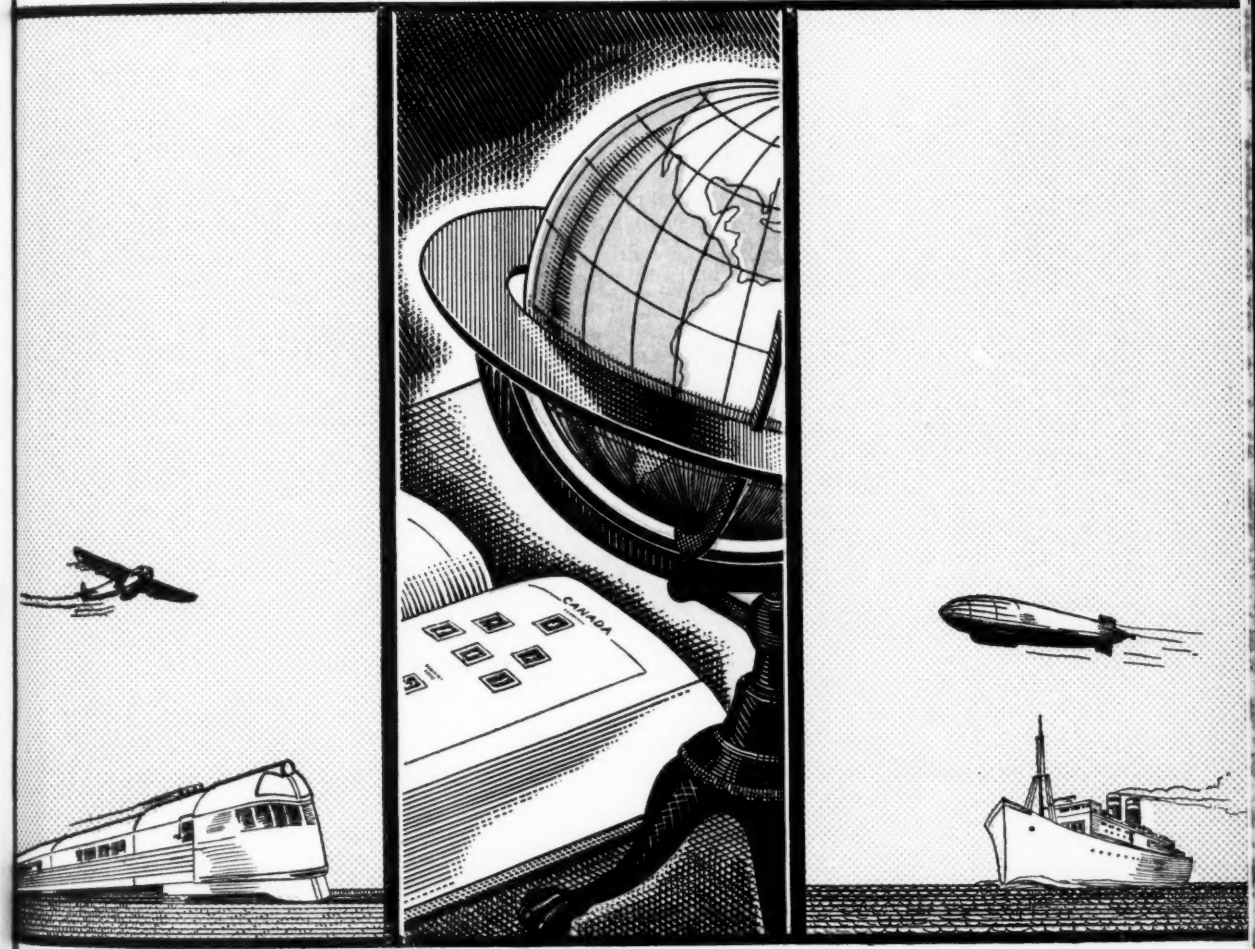


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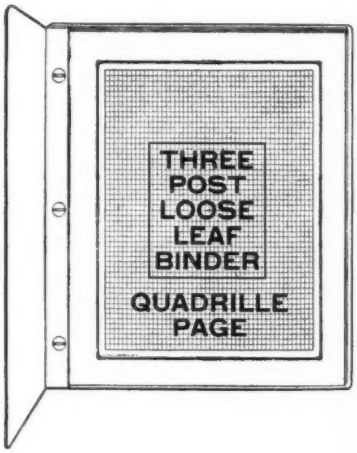


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# The Nibelung Legends

## By P. M. Lusk

IN 1926, Austria issued a most interesting set of six charity stamps portraying scenes from the Nibelung Legends. These are a collection made by a 12th century German poet, of the primitive hero stories of the Nordic peoples, much the same as the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey," which are collections of the myths and legends of Hellenic races. The "Nibelungen Lied," or, "Songs of the People of Darkness," have slightly different forms in the different Germanic nations, and in the German form they are the basis of Wagner's "Ring" operas. The complete story is told in 39 episodes, of which six are illustrated on the stamps. I shall deal only with these six, bringing in others as far as is necessary to make the story clearer.

The first episode relates how the hero, Siegfried, son of Siegmund, King of the Netherlands, comes to Worms to seek the hand of Kriemhild, sister of King Gunther, of Burgundy. He is endowed with various magic gifts, including control over the hoard of the Nibelungs (the people of darkness). Also, in his youth, he had slain the dragon Fafner, and bathed in its blood thus making himself invulnerable, except where a linden leaf had stuck between his shoulders. Siegfried's battle with the dragon is shown on the 3+ 2 groschen, the lowest value of the set.

King Gunther is setting out on a voyage to Isenland to woo Brunhild, queen of the Valkyries, a mythical race of women, who picked out the warriors slain in battle and carried them to Valhalla. Her suitor had to beat her in various trials of power, and Siegfried helped Gunther on condition that he should have Kriemhild for his wife on their return. Gunther's voyage is shown on the 8 + 2 groschen, a very striking design. Gunther wins Brunhild, who gives him her ring and girdle, which he hands over to Siegfried as an additional reward. Siegfried in his turn gives them to his wife, Kriemhild.

Years later, she and Brunhild quarrel, and this episode, "How the two queens rated each other," is shown on the 15 + 5 groschen. Kriemhild boasts to Brunhild that she has her ring and girdle, producing them in proof of her words. Brunhild is mad with rage, and revenges herself by means of her champion, the warrior Hagen, to whom she tells the secret of Siegfried's vulnerable spot. He kills Siegfried, and robs Kriemhild of the hoard of the Nibelungs and of their alliance.

Thirteen years later, Kriemhild, who is planning her revenge, marries the powerful King Etzel (Attila), and later invites Gunther and his champions to a banquet at Etzel's court. Her plan is seen by Hagen, who warns Gunther of treachery, but is overridden. On the way, they meet many portents. Hagen sees the Danube-maidens, but is now reckless, and ignores their warning. This scene is shown on the 20 + 5 groschen value.

At the banquet, Kriemhild provokes Hagen, who quickly retaliates by hewing off her son's head, so that it falls in her lap. At this dreadful deed, the battle begins. There is tremendous slaughter in the hall. The followers of Kriemhild and Etzel strive against Gunther, Hagen and the doomed Nibelungs. Rudiger, Kriemhild's champion, enters the hall to die fighting against his former friends, the Nibelungs. On the 24 + 6 groschen is shown, not the scene in the hall, but another and former meeting between Rudiger and the Nibelungs.

At last, all the Nibelungs are slain except Gunther and Hagen. Then Dietrich, the invincible warrior, arms himself to finish it. He subdues the two weary Nibelungs, and hands them over bound to Kriemhild. Dietrich's fight with Hagen is shown on the 40 + 10 groschen, the last value of the set. This ends the story, as told on the stamps; briefly, the rest of the story is this:

Kriemhild asks Hagen for the secret of the Nibelung hoard, known only to him and Gunther, but he tells her that he has sworn never to disclose it while any of her brothers live. She has Gunther's head struck off and holds it up to him. Now, Hagen, secure in the knowledge that he alone possesses the secret, refuses to disclose it. In fury, she kills him with his own sword, and is herself struck down by Hildebrand for the evil she has done; Etzel, her husband, does not oppose the deed.

This is the tragic story of the Nibelungs, a tale of heroism, hate and jealousy, ending in death and ruin. Throughout the whole series of episodes there is nothing clear or coherent, and it is almost impossible to weave a continuous narrative out of the Nibelungen Lied. But, fragmentary as these legends are, they display to the full the fierce temperament and staunch loyalties of the Germanic peoples. They are as a tapestry shaken by the wind, in whose folds we can catch glimpses of the grandeur of the barbaric and heroic past.

A word about the designs themselves. Their rude simplicity and strength are well suited to their subject, and interpret vividly the spirit of the legends. There is an element of the unreal in them which is the main characteristic of the original they portray. Looking at these stamps, and hearing the legends, we can appreciate some of the spirit which must have animated those fierce old Germanic races, who, far back before history had a common ancestry with us.

(The Australian Stamp Monthly)

## HEARD AND SEEN IN WASHINGTON

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*(Special to Linn's Weekly Stamp News)*

First reports were that 342,202 stamps were sold at San Diego, with a total value of $10,266.06, on May 29. Covers cancelled on that date were 201,900, but a revision of all first day covers for that issue will be necessary, because the Post Office Department allowed collectors extra time in which to get their covers to San Diego.

Agency reports show that sales are still climbing. Figures just released as total sales for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1934 to May 31, 1935) are $1,876,224.10 as compared with $743,805.10 for the same period last year. Net gain to date over last year is $1,132,419, with still a month to go. It is readily predicted in philatelic circles here in Washington that the total for the year will reach two million dollars. That remains to be seen, although it was estimated that sales at the Agency this week are showing about a 25% increase over those of the previous week.

The Collectors Club of Washington held its first annual banquet on the night of June 4. Honor guests and speakers included Third Assistant Postmaster General Clinton B. Eilenberger, Robert E. Fellers, Superintendent Division of Stamps, Harold F. Ambrose, Chief, Information Service, Alvin W. Hall, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Francis B. Leech, President American Airmail Society. Toastmaster was Harry B. Caton, who read letters and telegrams of congratulation from the Postmaster General, President Coppock of the S. P. A. and Colonel Ralph Kimble of Chicago.

### Attention—Coin Collectors!

Recently we have been getting queries about new commemorative coins to the extent that we are here publishing a list of all such coins now on sale, also the address of Commission selling same.

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Bennington Half Dollar—Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Assoc., Bennington, Vermont.

Conn. Half Dollar—State of Conn. Tercentenary Commission, State Capitol, Hartford, Conn.

Daniel Boone Half Dollar—Daniel Boone Bicentennial Commission, Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky.

Grant Memorial Coins (Half Dollar and Gold Dollar)—Wm. J. Schultz, 419 First National Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Maryland Half Dollar — Maryland Tercentenary Commission, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Oregon Trail Half Dollar—Oregon Trail Memorial Association, 4828 217th St., Bayside, L. I., N. Y.

Stone Mountain Half Dollar—Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Assoc., Hurd Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Texas Half Dollar—American Legion Texas Centennial Committee, Box 671, Austin, Texas.

Hudson Half Dollar — The Mayor, Hudson, New York.

San Diego Half Dollar—California-Pacific International Exp. Comm., San Diego, Calif.

Providence Half Dollar—Providence Tercentenary Commission, 11 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Spanish Trail Half Dollar — Chairman, El Paso Museum Committee, El Paso, Texas.

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The Gateway Philatelic Society recently held an informal exhibit at Jefferson Park Field House at Long Avenue and Lawrence, Chicago, Ill. Regular meetings will be held through out the summer and visitors are always welcome. The next meeting June 24th Mr. Clark Collard will be guest speaker. His subject will be "Cover Collecting which is Stamp Collecting-Plus!"

The Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago published a very interesting little pamphlet on their Club activities called "The Straight Edge." Certainly seems to be a live organization.

Mt. Vernon Stamp Club of Mt. Vernon N. Y. continue to hold interesting meetings. Their last Meeting June 7th Mr. Arthur W. Deas spoke on "Sidelines of Philately".

The Arlington Stamp Club Arlington, Mass. hold their regular meetings in the Universalist Parish Hall in Arlington Center and always have a large group of enthusiasts present. The next meeting June 17th will have as guest speaker Mr. A. R. McDonald.

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## New Zealand News

Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co. Dunedin, New Zealand report that the long expected Pictorial Issue for New Zealand made its appearance on 1st May and seems to give general satisfaction. It is beautifully executed and most of the stamps are works of art.

The King's Jubilee Issue ½d, 1d and 6d appeared on the 6th due date and are handsome portraits of King George and Queen Mary.

Unexpectedly also the New Zealand Government at same date Issued Jubilee Sets of 1d, 2½d and 6d for Niue, Samoa and Cook Islands and the Union Group Islands will use Samoa. The Issue consist of Black surcharges "Silver Jubilee of King George V 1910/35" on the current stamps of above Islands, the only difference being in changing the colours of all the centres.

Australia's Jubilee Issue will be 2d red 3d blue and 2/- purple and design is the King in the uniform of a Field Marshall mounted on his charger "Anzac" a gift to him from Australia.

## Thomas F. Whitbread Announces Move

Thomas F. Whitbread one of our steady advertisers announces elsewhere in this issue the removal with his family to their new home on the Berkshire Trail, West Cummington, Mass. Mr. Whitbread, who has devoted his entire time to stamps for the past several years, advises that this is his final move. Following the purchase of an old house last fall he has remodelled the place to take care of his business and family needs.

He specializes in United States Stamps but also has several general collections as well as a full line of Philatelic supplies.

Mr. Whitbread extends a cordial invitation to touring philatelists to stop and get acquainted. A sign, showing a perforated stamp, will direct travellers to his home.

## Turkey In Asia

### Unrecorded Varieties

Scott's give a whole string of subvarieties for Turkey in Asia No. 56, but two additional are now noted, which should be listed as they are equal significance. It first should be noted that the normal overprint carries the year date "1337". Now for the two new varieties:

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The Stamp Exhibition sponsored by the Evening Ledger Stamp Club, Society of Philatelic Americans Branch 30, consisting of 50 frames was the outstanding feature of the Postal Exhibit. Exhibition was by invitation only, and the material exhibited was very carefully selected by the Committee. The Postal Exhibit was open to the public May 25th, 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. and on May 27th and 28th, 11:00 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

(A resume of exhibits and exhibitors follows:)

Two frames of Proofs of the United States issues were exhibited by the Post Office Department, the much publicized 24c Airmail invert receiving much attention from the visitors. This was the second time within the period of one year that these frames have been on display in Philadelphia. Previously they were shown at the Evening Ledger—S. P. A. Exhibition in August, 1934.

**Dr. Tello J. d'Apery**—(11 frames)

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**Peter V. C. Barkelew**—(2 frames)

19th Century fancy cancellations and U. S. locals very attractively mounted and annotated.

**Jere Hess Barr**—(3 frames)

Sardinia Letter Sheets; Mulready Envelopes; Great Britain ld. blacks; U. S. Revolutionary embossed tax stamps. Two frames were devoted to U. S. Revenues, all in superb condition, which included a first day cancellation on the 6c Proprietary dated April 14, 1871.

**Georges Creed** —(5 frames)

Reconstructed plates 3c 1851: Plate 1-late; Plate 2-late; Plate 3; Plate 4; and Plate 5-late. A specialized collection of the 2c Columbian transfers and fancy cancellations; transfers on the 3c Post Office; Major double transfer on the New York Postmaster, plate pos. 7; the largest known double transfer on a U. S. stamp the 2c black-jack; also tranfers on the 1c—1902; 2c Shield—1903; and the special delivery stamp of 1895.

**Vincent Domanski, Jr.**—(4 frames)

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**Christian L. Dull** (6 frames)

Express Company Franks; Ship Cancellations on pre-stamp covers; Territorial Postmarks; early railroad postmarks and several cacheted "Via Nicaragua Ahead of the Mails;" and Patriotics. One very interesting cover was mailed in Philadelphia in 1863, franked with the demonitized 3c—1857. A two line cachet read; "Old Stamps Not Recognized." "Due 6c."

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**Emmanuel Goldberg**

Displayed in one frame a unique collection of U. S. Stamps arranged to tell the story of our nation's history. The text was very carefully written and this frame proved an attraction to the thousands of school children who visited the exhibition.

**Miss Florence Lamport**

Exhibited in one frame a portion of her fine collection of Pilot Autographed Covers. Those covers autographed by Commander Richard E. Byrd, Amelia Earhart Putnam, and Frank Hawks were conspicuous.

**Jerome S. Marcus**

Displayed in two frames, pages from his beautifully illustrated collection of U. S. Commemorative Blocks.

**Dr. George Mitchell** (2 frames)

Fancy cancellations on the 10c brown 1870-82; a group of stamps in pairs imperf. between; the No. 505 rose error used on cover; and one of the very recent "firsts": a cover carried both trips by the Pan-American Airways planes to and from Hawaii.

**William K. Philler**

Exhibited one frame of pages devoted to Uncle Sam's territorial possessions.

**Lauren K. Tremper**

Showed one frame of large plate number blocks of the perf. 10 unwatermarked issue of 1916.

The success of the exhibition was due primarily to the untiring work of the Evening Ledger Club Committee Chairman, Mr. Fernand Creed; and to the committee who so ably assisted him: Mr. Vincent Domanski, Jr.; Mrs. Yvonne Gittis; Mr. Samuel Lieberman and Mr. J. H. Bartlett.

## Coming Cachets

A Fourth of July Cachet from Marshfield, Mo. which has a thirteen star flag cancel will be handled by Bertha Clift, R 3 Marshfield, Mo.

Mail covers to Walter C. Miller, 117 Esther St., Michigan City, Ind. for a July Fourth Indiana Day Cachet. Not over five to a person.

Special Cachet in honor of the 159th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence will be used on all first class mail from Washington's Birthplace, Virginia on July 4th. Anyone wishing cancellations on that date may send their stamped and addressed covers to Postmaster, Washingtons Birthplace, Virginia.

The Norristown Chamber of Commerce in honor of 100th Anniversary of the first Railroad train arriving in Norristown, Pa. will have printed on Envelopes sent in by collectors a reproduction of this first train. Letters will be mailed from Norristown on August 15th so ample should be allowed before this date.

## Washingtonian Moves

Milton H. Cullen, well known stamp dealer and purchasing agent for dealers and collectors, has recently moved to 929 "G" St. N. W. in the downtown district of Washington, D. C. where he will be convenient for his local clientele and will also be near the Philatelic Agency. Mr. Cullen's business will be known in the future as "The Stamp Shop". Philatelists visiting in Washington are invited to make The Stamp Shop their headquarters while in the city.


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## U. S. REVIEW

**THOMAS F. WHITBREAD**
**Cummington, Mass.**

Inquiries regarding U. S. Issues will be answered in this column. If a personal reply is desired enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

Mr. Frank C. Franz sends a list of a few private proprietary stamps and desires to know the value of them. However, the ones he asks about come in several types so it will be necessary to see them before we can be of assistance. He also describes a lock seal stamp. As these have no face value or cost and are merely a seal, they are not considered as revenue stamps. They enter the same class as Post Office Official Seals but the latter, being used on letters, have attained catalogue and collector recognition.

Mr. Franz also calls attention to the latest racket, which is:—offering blocks of four of one cent postcards for 25c. These are, of course, cut from the sheets obtainable at most offices at one cent per card.

Mr. J. B. Gowen has, in his collection a booklet pane of Philippine No. 214. This is U. S. No. 279b surcharged and is, to our knowledge, the only United States booklet pane so surcharged. As the booklet pane of 279b sells for $13.00, it is quite certain that the surcharged one, which is a good deal scarcer, is worth proportionately more.

Mr. Edward Lockwood sends two copies of the 3c Washington horizontal coil. One has a gash in the center of the forehead and on the other the mouth appears to be elongated by a similar gash. Whether these are true plate varieties or just ink smears will only be known if some other searcher produces similar copies.

Mr. Lockwood also submits some Civil War revenues on very heavy paper. These revenues come on many different thicknesses of paper from very thin to one that is almost cardboard. These are of interest principally to the specialist.


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## Commemorative Stamp Authorized for Arkansas

We are advised by the Little Rock Philatelic Society through a clipping from the Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Ark. that Postmaster General Farley today said that Arkansas will be given a Stamp to commemorate its Centennial next year. The Cabinet Officer made this statement in reply to a query by Carl Olsson, Secretary of the Society, "It has been my policy to grant requests for stamps for such far-reaching Commemorations." Farley said that the Arkansas delegation in Congress has made the request for the stamp. The list of stamps to be issued in 1936 will be taken up shortly. Two sister States are to be included according to present plans. Arkansas who celebrates 100 years of Statehood and Texas which celebrates its 100th Anniversary of their Independence from Mexico.

## Danzig

### Forged Overprints

Among the Danzigs listed in Scott's as No. 31 to No. 47, are a number of valuable varieties. The overprints on these have been forged. The latest type of forgery is noted below:

**Genuine**

1. The left upper part of the letter "z" protrudes slightly beyond the top of the letter "n".
2. Top of "i" cut off square.
3. Loop of "g" extends outside thick downstroke of the "g".

**Forged**

1. Does not protrude.
2. Cut off slanting.
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(Emco Monthly Journal)


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## Airmail News for Cover Collectors

By C. A. HUNTER, Syracuse, Nebr.

Dates for various events must be in our hands by the third Saturday prior to the event in order that collectors may have time to send for them. Above all, do not forget to send in this information to the column editor not to Mr. Linn.

**Future.**

Marshall, Mich. will dedicate on June 23 . . . Rogers City, Mich. will dedicate June 29-30 . . . . No cover information on these but try the postmaster . . . . Rushville, Nebr. airport approved and dedicated possibly this summer with covers to C. of C. . . . . Staunton, Va. hopes to complete airport and dedicate this summer, try C. of C. for holding covers. . . . . Bemidji, Minn. says no date set. . . . . Garretson, S. D. says no date set but Dr. Devald, Devald Hospital, will hold covers . . . Jackman, Me. may dedicate this month and covers to P. M. . . . Portland, Ind. to dedicate date Indiana air tour visits there about June 22, try P. M. on covers. . . . Magee—Sanatorium says airport not dedicated yet. . Bangor, Me. says no plans for dedication.

**Catapult Flights.**

Catapult flights are made from both the Bremen and Europa when one day from port. The first for the Bremen for this year was made on the westbound trip leaving Germany on May 4 and eastbound leaving New York May 11. The first one for the Europa was made on the west bound trip leaving May 11 for the U. S. and for Germany on the eastbound trip leaving New York on May 18. The schedule for each vessel is every two weeks.

A cover received for the eastbound trip bears the box type cachet in red with the words "Mit Vorausflug nach Southampton" and another cachet for the trip in purple which pictures a plane leaving the Bremen and worded "Deutscher Schleuderflug 15.5.35 (under plane) D. "Bremen"—Southampton". Postage is 25c for the first half ounce and 45c for the ounce or fee for the catapult mail of 20c per half ounce plus regular foreign rate of 5c for the first half ounce and 3c for each additional ounce.

**Crashes**

News clipping. Cheyenne, Wyo. May 28. Al Lucas, veteran flyer, was found dead Tuesday in the wreckage of his mail plane about thirteen miles south of Glendo. Lucas who was flying regular service for the Wyoming Air Service from Billings to Cheyenne, had been unreported since 4:10 p. m. yesterday. He was the victim of stormy weather.

News clipping. Carlinsville, Ill. May 29. A plane of the Chicago and Southern Airlines crashed north of here Tuesday night. The plane bound from Chicago for St. Louis was piloted by John B. Lynn who with a passenger, were killed.

## Postage Stamps Printed by U. S. Bureau Forty One Years

We note from a news item from the Washington Post June 2nd that it has been forty-one years this month since "The Bureau of Engraving and Printing" has been manufacturing Postage Stamps. The agreement was made on June 9th, 1894 by Postmaster General W. S. Bissell and the Treasury Department for such a contract.

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# « Editorials »

**HOME AGAIN** Early June proved a very wet period for a vacation, yet the vacation which your editor took was one that was in celebration of an event of the 4th of June and could not be postponed. Anyhow, how would we know that it was going to rain every day in the week.

Since the vacation was primarily for rest, the rain did not interfere for with a cozy open fireplace in a cottage by the waterside, it was a pleasant week at that.

The thanks of both Mrs. Linn and myself are due several friends who have written in congratulation of the event.

**PAINTED LINES** Again there has been a major fraud perpetrated through the advertising columns of the Philatelic Press. In this instance we are thankful that none of the advertising appeared in our publication and as a result none of our readers have been injured through answering the advertisement in our columns.

As is usual in such cases the fraud was perpetrated by a newcomer into the advertising field, the source from which most frauds arise.

A Detroit party advertised the Farley Imperfs, Center line blocks at prices much below the standard figures and reaped many orders for same. It was soon found that the blocks were those which had a printed vertical or horizontal line showing in the sheets and that the other line to make them center line blocks had been cleverly painted in between the stamps.

This is an old method of fraud which has been noted in the past on various stamps.

Newspaper clippings and further information will be given next week. In the meantime our object is to point out that most cases of rank fraud such as this, can be entirely avoided if the Philatelic Publishers will cooperate fully. Only a drastic plan of action will accomplish results and it can only be fully practical if subscribed to by the leading publications.

We would believe that legitimate dealers, through the American Stamp Dealers Association would insist that Philatelic Publishers take steps to eliminate and cleanup as far as possible the quack advertising that appears from time to time in stamp publications.

No one paper can attempt it or do it, all are equally guilty at various times. Any one paper trying alone to remedy the matter would find nothing but trouble and disaster before it.

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We earnestly recommend that the American Stamp Dealers Association propose such a plan and encourage the cooperation of all Publishers.

**BLOWING OUR HORN** Lots of our friends who drop into our office for a friendly chat are allowed to read a few of the many letters we receive regarding the results from display advertising in Linn's Weekly Stamp News and they marvel at our self-control. Frankly it would be impossible to publish all of these letters, for there is seldom a mail which does not bring such letters. The fact we do wish to point out is that a fair and legitimate offer of choice


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No new issues to report this week which is some what of a novelty. Might give us a chance to catch up with some of those elusive items which seem to be getting more numerous. At least I am having a merry chase for some of them.

Mr. E. E. Parker of this city advises that the Newark, N. J. 2c. coil which has been so hard to find, although reported some time ago, has at last appeared. So that item can now be procured fairly easy. I know that this will be good news to quite a few of us. Thanks Mr. Parker.

I am taking the liberty of quoting from Mr. H. M. Southgate's column in Mekeels, the information available on the missing period, San Francisco Bureaus. There are five sets of these plates for overprinting the stamps of this city, each set consisting of four plates of 50 subjects, 10 by 5, all made from one pattern of 50 subjects. The pattern originally lacked the period on position 14 - and the first three sets were delivered in this matter. This was corrected during latter part of 1931 or first part of 1932 and the fourth and fifth sets show the repaired period which is rectangular in shape, only the left corner sloping to the left. The first set of plates are still available and have not had the period repaired, so at any time we may have new values showing this error.


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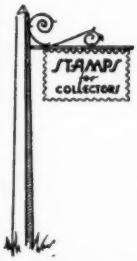


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# United States Commemorative Stamp Facts

## The Ericsson 5c Stamp

This stamp was issued to honor the memory of John Ericsson, inventor and builder of the "Monitor," the famous "cheese box on a raft" that defeated the Confederate ram "Merrimac" at Hampton Roads, Va., on March 9, 1862, an event that changed naval warfare and enabled the Union to keep up a blockade that had much to do with the final defeat of the Confederacy.

The design is a practical reproduction of the statue of Mr. Ericsson which was made by J. E. Frazer, placed in Washington near the Lincoln Memorial and unveiled by the Crown Prince of Sweden on the day the stamp was issued. Mr. Ericsson was of Swedish birth but a naturalized American citizen.

The 5c—Ericsson Memorial—was issued on May 29, 1926, unwatermarked and perf. 11. It is recorded in gray lilac, deep gray lilac and purplish gray, light blue varieties and shades being due to exposure of the stamp to sunlight. No minor varieties are known.

20,280,379 of the stamps were printed, from plates 18595, 18597 to 601, 18606 to 09, 18612 and 18613. They were printed from 200 subject plates, divided by horizontal and vertical guide lines and cut on those into sheets of 50 before issue, so there are 12 position blocks.

First day covers are from New York, Chicago and Minneapolis, although again the official announcement stated the stamps would also be on first day sale in Washington and at the Agency.

## The 2c White Plains

This stamp was issued at the request of the Chamber of Commerce of White Plains, New York, in commemoration of the battle of White Plains, October 28, 1877. The Alexander Hamilton battery, shown in the center, is from an oil painting made for the purpose by the artist Edmund L. Ward, a resident of White Plains. In the lower left corner appears the Continental flag and in the opposite corner the "Liberty or Death" flag which was first used in that battle. The stamp is unusual among U. S. stamps for its clear background, and it also marks the first real attention paid by our government to the requests of philatelists.

The 2c—Alexander Hamilton's Battery—appeared on October 18, 1926, perf. 11 and unwatermarked. It is recorded only in carmine rose, there being 12 position blocks but no minor varieties on the regular issue.

However, the International Stamp Exhibit for 1926 was being held in October in New York City, and the Department was persuaded to issue special sheets of 25 of these stamps in compliment to the exposition, and special plates were made composed of four miniature sheets, each pane bearing the inscription, "International Philatelic Exposition, October 16th to 23rd. New York, N. Y. U. S. A." The lower left pane, plate 18774, has a line through the "C" of "CENTS" on the third stamp, and on the ninth stamp there is a large dot directly above the "S" of "STATES."

For the general issue there were used plates 18765, 66, 67, 68 and 18769, and 40,639,485 stamps were printed. For the exposition sheets the plates used were 18770, 71, 73 and 18774, and 2,684,950 stamps were printed from these plates at the exposition. It is also stated that plate 18772 was used in printing these "souvenir sheets," but none of the stamps reached the public.

First day covers are officially from White Plains, Washington, D. C. and New York, the latter with the special cancelation of the branch post office set up at the exposition.

## The 2c Vermont

This stamp, according to the official announcement, was issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Independence of Vermont and also the Battle of Bennington. Vermont was not one of the original thirteen colonies, and in 1777 had declared its independence of New York and New Hampshire. The battle of Bennington, won by Colonel Stark and his Green Mountain Boys, is held as one of the important battles of the Revolution, and was closely followed by the downfall of Burgoyne.

The stamp roughly follows a sketch by Mrs. F. Haviland Sibley which was submitted by Mr. John Spargo, head of an organization which was formed in Bennington in 1924. They labored long and hard to get either a stamp or a coin for the 1927 celebration and finally succeeded by congressional influence in getting the Postmaster General to provide a stamp.

The 2c—Green Mountain Boy—was issued on August 3, 1927, perf. 11 and unwatermarked. It appears in carmine rose and dark carmine rose, with no minor varieties known as constant. Printed in sheets of 400 and cut into panes of 100, there are 12 position blocks besides the plate number blocks.

The first printing was of twenty million stamps but they proved so popular that a second printing was ordered, so the final total was 39,974,900. Eight plates were used, beginning with 19035 and ending with 19042.

First day covers are only known from Bennington, Vermont, the Department again failing to put the stamps on sale August 3d in Washington and at the Agency as promised in the official announcement of the stamp.

## Shall We Collect Gum?

In a recent issue of STAMPS, Mr. H. Bedford Jones again brings up the subject of Original Gum. Mr. Jones does not attempt to tell anyone what to collect or what not to collect and there is no intention on the part of the writer to tell you what you should or should not collect.

Back in 1926, when I was editing Philatelic Gossip I wrote an editorial on this subject and strongly urged the advisability of stamp collectors disregarding gum on stamps.

As pointed out by Mr. Jones, gum is a very destructive agent, it certainly adds nothing to the appearance of a stamp, it is no proof of a stamp being unused, no proof of its genuineness, it has no value other than to the public in sticking the stamp on a letter or parcel to mail. It is the easiest thing about a stamp to counterfeit.

For the stamp collector, gum is a destructive agent and all stamps in our albums would be better preserved, would retain their condition and appearance better, if they were without gum.

Mr. Jones specifically points out certain stamps of the French colonies, of which he is a prominent specialist, as being of a type that are readily destroyed from the gum on them. These are the earlier stamps of all colonies which are mostly on a very thin paper. The gum on these stamps was of a crackly nature and caused the stamps to curl or warp slightly. The gum also made the paper very brittle and the stamps would break readily while to remove a hinge meant a thin spot. Not only these stamps but many others, especially earlier issues are badly affected from gum for in the early days the gum was not so finely perfected as it is today and broken and crackly gum was a common thing and gum of this nature was and is quite destructive to stamps.

It is not alone on early stamps that gum is destructive. Take two mint blocks of current U. S. stamps. Soak the gum from one of them, press it neatly and then hinge and mount both blocks and handle them at frequent intervals as stamps are handled, bend or break them across the perforation, rehinge and remount a few times and then take stock of what you have and which has stood the test best.

You will find the block with gum will break apart much quicker, you will find part of the gum removed from rehinging, possibly a slight trace of thinning under the hinge. The ungummed block should be perfect for it can be soaked to remove accumulated hinges and the humps pressed out.

After all, it is the face of the stamp we collect, why burden ourselves by insisting on gum.

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**CHAIN LETTERS**—During the past month or so, the editor of this column, has been the recipient of a countless lot of "chain letters", most of which were of the "send stamps" variety. Now while we do not desire to appear as an "old fogy" or a "wet blanket", we are going to string along with Mr. Linn in the matter of such letters and consign all such to our waste basket. We trust that our readers will understand that it is necessary for us to devote three to four evenings each week to the writing of this column and the answering of legitimate correspondence in connection with same and thus we do not have the time to devote to trifles. We heartily welcome letters of criticism, comment, news for use in this column or requests for information and as in the past will do our best to answer same promptly, but "chain letters" fail to fall in any of the foregoing classes.

**UNITED STATES—Proprietary Stamps.** Large numeral in the center, inscribed "Cigarette Tubes Series of 1933", unwmkd. perf. 10½. Size 40x20½mm.

2c. rose

**Wine Stamps.** Inscribed "Series of 1934". Wmkd. "U.S.I.R." in doubled-lined capitals, rouletted, size approx. 28x25mm. The 40c chronicled in our notes of Jan. 5th., is replaced by the one of the same value in the list below; Colors are all green:

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(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**BULGARIA**—Commemorative of the 100th anniversary of one of the Bulgarian risings against the Turks. The design represents two leaders of the rising. Large format stamps.

1L. blue
2L. maroon

(R. Roberts)

**CANADA**—The latest Official Bulletin advises us that the colors on three of the new set have been altered. Instead of those announced in our notes of May 18th, the following are the ones to be used:

10c. rose instead of red
50c. purple instead of blue
$1.00 blue instead of olive green

Mr. P. F. Koch, has already shown us F. D. C. of the above set, and as usual, in our opinion, they are up to the standard of other recent Canadian issues.

**CHILE—Air Mail.** The under-noted has just been issued on much thicker and whiter paper, thus giving the stamp a brighter appearance. Perf. 13x14½:

AP1—20c. carmine

(R. Roberts)

**INDIA—Silver Jubilee Issue.** These are of very pleasing design, similar to the Air Mails, printed upon paper wmkd. mult. star, at Nasik, perf. 14. Large transverse horizontal format, printed in sheets of 144 (12x12). As yet the 1¼a. has not appeared and will follow later; two colors, first color noted below, second color in each case is black:

½a. yellow green (Gateway of India, Bombay)
9p. deep green (Victoria Memorial, Calcutta)
1a. brown (Rameswaram Temple, Madras)
2½a. dull blue (Taj Mahal, Agra)
3½a. dull blue (Golden Temple, Amritsar)
8a. mauve (Pagoda in Mandalay)

(R. Roberts)

**ITALY**—It appears that we were wrong in part, in our chronicle of the set May 25th, for a note from Mr. R. Roberts, advises us that the stamps carried a surtax, in each case, of the amount equal to its face value. These amounts were not evident on the face of the stamps and we await further particulars concerning the reason for the "double face value".

**LIECHTENSTEIN—Postage.** Arms type, very large format, same as the 5fr. issued for the Land Exhibition in 1934 (chronicled in our notes of Nov. 3, 1934). Printed upon plain paper in sheets of 20 (5 rows of 4), perf. 12½:

5fr. purple

**Air Post.** Printed in photogravure, unwmkd. perf. 11½:

AP6—10r. purple
AP6—15r. orange
AP6—20r. carmine
AP6—30r. blue

**Official Stamps.** Under-noted value overprinted in black, same as those chronicled June 1st:

90r. deep green

(R. Roberts)

**LUXEMBURG**—Colors on the charity set, heralded in our notes of May 11th. Large format stamps, printed in photogravure in sheets of 100 (10x10). As stated before each stamp carries a surtax equivalent to its face value; designs noted previously:

5c. purple
10c. lake-brown
15c. sage-green
20c. orange
35c. yellow-green
50c. purple-black
70c. deep myrtle green
1fr. carmine
1¼fr. greenish-blue
1¾fr. steel blue
2fr. orange brown
3fr. brown
5fr. blue
10fr. reddish-mauve
20fr. deep myrtle green

(R. Roberts)

**MADAGASCAR—Air Mail.** Heralded in our notes of June 1st, have now appeared. Design Map of Madagascar in red, aeroplane, frame and value in color noted below:

50c. pale green
1.25fr. pale mauve
1.50fr. pale blue
1.75fr. orange
2fr. dull blue
4fr. pink
4.50fr. olive gray
8fr. mauve
8.50fr. blue green
12fr. purple brown
12.50fr. purple
16fr. pale sage green
20fr. pale brown

(R. Roberts)

**MANCHUKUO**—Another value in the design of the additional character, as well as a provisional:

A8—1y. dark violet
A1—8f. on 4f. olive brown

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**MEXICO**—In our notes of June 1st, the linotyper erred in listing both stamps as A112, the Industrial Census stamp is type A120.

**Air Post Stamp.** Type of 1929, wmkd. "Secretaria De Hacienda Mexico", perf. 10:

AP3—30c black

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**NEWFOUNDLAND**—Add the following variety to your catalog:

#511—AP8—$1.00 blue
a. imperf. horizontally

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**ROUMANIA**—To assist our readers in classifying the stamps chronicled April 20th, we quote the foot-note under this set in the latest Scott's Monthly Journal. "Issued in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the death of three Roumanian martyrs."

**SAN MARINO**—New value, wmkd. three plumes and perf. 12:

A25—3.70L. olive black & claret

(R. Roberts)

**SOUTHERN RHODESIA—Silver Jubilee Issue.** Printed in sheets of 60, unwmkd. perf. 11:

1p. carmine & sage
2p. sepia & green
3p. blue & pale mauve
6p. mauve & slate black

(R. Roberts)

**SPAIN**—New design, line engraved, perf. 11:
30c. carmine (portrait of Jovellanos)

**TURKEY—Semi-Postal Stamp.** Red Crescent Issue, Map of Turkey, unwmkd. perf. 12; Crescent in Red:

SP8—2½ku. brown

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Note: Scott's also state in their latest Journal that the semi-postal stamps chronicled in our notes of Dec. 1, 1934 and Feb. 9, 1935, should be corrected to be type SP8, same as above.

**URUGUAY**—Additional values to go with the four chronicled in our issue of April 20th:

AP6— 37c. purple black
AP6— 47c. rose carmine
AP6—1.12P. red brown

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# Precancels

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

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**I Can't Believe It.**

In the PHILATELIC PRESS section of the DOON PRESS of a recent issue is the picture of one A. J. Miller, who according to Lawrence Bros. came to philatelic fame by suggesting that children be encouraged to collect precancels as a means of getting more followers of the precancel game. This was supposed to have been taken up by the Precancel Stamp Society immediately. I have belonged to the Precancel Stamp Society since it first saw the light of day and I do not remember of such a campaign.

The subject of just who is more readily converted to collecting precancels, the young or the old has oft been discussed and it is the opinion of those who should know that the more mature individual, even if he is only a rank amateur, is a much better prospect to try to cultivate than a young person. It seems that precancels do not have the dash and color that the young collector demands and its intricacies soon dismay the young and impatient. It has been my own personal observation that there are really few young precancel collectors, that is collectors under eighteen years of age. If you doubt this take a survey of the Junior Stamp Clubs and see what you find.

**Connecticuts.**

L. L. Breithaupt of Dubuque, Iowa shows me quite an array of these new commemoratives precancelled. Corona Calif, U-122 up; Valparasio Ind. U-121 up; Weissport Pa. U-121 Invt.; Hynes, Calif. U-122 up; and New Berlin N. Y. U-121 across. Don't forget to report the new San Diego stamps as soon as you get them, the other fellow likes to hear about them.

**Hoover vs Scott.**

I have been asked by W. W. Gruber of Progress Pa. to elucidate on the above subject. Both catalogs are priced so that discounts may be given from the stated prices, the discounts to be governed by the condition of the stamp but oft times governed by the cost. A dollar catalog value according to Hoover is supposed to be equal to a dollar Scott, and I believe that the exchange department of the Precancel Stamp Society does business on this basis, but any one who has handled stamps to any degree at all will soon see that this is not right, that the precancel catalog valuation is too high. To determine just what is the fair proportion for exchange is very difficult, but it seems to me that somewhere between 50c and 75c catalog value Scotts should be the answer and equal of one dollar Hoovers prices. I would like to hear opinions of my readers on this subject. Stating the question again and in this way, how much catalog value according to Scotts should be allowed in exchange for a dollar catalog value according to Hoovers.

**Battle Creek Once More.**

Just when I think I have all of these pesky critters another one pops up to haunt me. H. Preston Hoskins of Chicago tells me that a 50c in type 2 has been reported to him. Who has one?

## Stamp Merry-Go-Round

Did You Know—

That the first printing of the Greek 5 drachma stamp of 1927-28 portraying an admiral, was inscribed "Sir Codrington" which is error, and should be "Sir Edward" Codrington, which was corrected on a following printing of the stamp.

That the one half piaster stamp of the Hejaz (Arabia) for 1916, quotes the last page of the Mohammedan Bible, the Koran? And that it was copied from a mosque in a foreign land, at Cairo, Egypt?

That the revolutionist Dosza, shown on the 75f. stamp of Hungary in 1919, after being captured was roasted alive and fed to his famished followers?

That Sir, called Saint, Launcelot, known in the King Arthur legends of England is shown on a stamp of 1930-Hungary?

That the 40a. 1930 Iceland postage stamp shows the flag of Denmark although Iceland is NOT a colony of Denmark but a nation itself, only responsible to the King of Denmark and not the Danish gov't.?

That the elephant-headed God, otherwise in human form, is shown on the Duttia, India stamps for 1893?

That Hyderabad, India is a feudatory state with its own stamps; and that feudalism still exists in India?

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By BI STANDER

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In the New York Telegram of May 31st a young girl is talking to another and speaking about a third party. She murmers "In summer its birds eggs and in winter stamp collecting."

It is suggested by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York that mail coming into New York from foreign shores should be unloaded at the pier instead of being taken off the boat at Quarantine. The Post Office has prepared a defense to this stating that the mail can be sorted from Quarantine to New York, that if mail were landed at the pier it would have to be unloaded by longshoremen, while now the mail is loaded on the Government boat at Quarantine by members of the crew of the steamship.

Should a baby one year of age be addressed as Miss or not by letter is a question agitating readers in a New York daily. It has been decided that Miss is right.

We looked over the book entitled "Stamps as an investment," by McGuffin, published by Diehl, Landau and Pettis, and were struck by the meat contained in this book. The publishers are located at 16 East 17th Street, New York. The sales of this book has been very large since it was put on the market.

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